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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 13 and 20 to read as follows:

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13. (Amended) A method of producing 2-alkyl-4-isothiazoline-3-one stated in claim 1 in which aforementioned solvent is inert to the compounds of formula (I), formula (II), formula (III), and to the chlorinating agent, and in which the solubility of hydrogen chloride at normal temperature/pressure is less than 0.04 in molar fraction.